The Depressed Class Department was being worked on the same lines as those of last year. The number of collegiate concessions to the Depressed Class students has been raised from ten to twenty. Increased provision has been made in the next Budget for the supply of school requisites, for feeding charges and for the maintenance of Depressed Class hostels.

Twenty additional rural libraries have been started this year, making the total number of libraries 163. Next year 20 more libraries will be started for which funds have been provided in the budget.

The Land Mortgage Bank was transferred to the Ministerial portfolio during the current year. The activities of this institution are being continued on the very lines as in the past. Loans to the extent of Rs. 1,96,000 were disbursed during the year. When compared to last year's disbursement there is a remarkable fall in the demand for loans. It is indicative of the better prosperity of the agricultural population.

I will be failing in my duty, if before I conclude, I do not express my sincere and heartfelt gratitude to the Hon'ble Members of this House for the unreserved co-operation they have extended to me in the administration of the Transferred Subjects. The criticisms which this House has been pleased to offer have been of great help to me in the administration of the subjects entrusted to my care to the maximum advantage of the public of Cochin. It is my fervent hope that this spirit of healthy correction and co-operation will be continued in future.

No one knows how long the difficult days Governments and people are passing through, are going to confront us. Fortunately, recent events in the theatres of war indicate a beginning of the end. Let us hope that these days of stress and strain will be successfully tided over by the hearty co-operation between the public and the Government, and that ere long we can enjoy the blessings of a victorious peace.

## Announcement of Bills assented to by His Highness the Maharaja

**Secretary to the Council:** Under Standing Order 5 I have to announce that His Highness the Maharaja has been pleased to give his assent to the following Bills.—

1. The Cochin Village Courts Bill.
2. The Cochin Registration of Literary, Scientific and Charitable Societies Act Amendment Bill.

## Placing of Statement of Expenditure

**Mr. P. V. Raphael** *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts)* :

Sir,

Under Rule 58 of the Legislative Council Rules, I beg to place the following statement of expenditure authorised by Government under section 28-1 (c) of the Government of Cochin Act, 1113.

| Sl. No. | Head of Account | Amount Rs. | A. | P. | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 17—Central Jail—Diet of Prisoners | 15,000 | 0 | 0 | Owing to the increase in the number of prisoners and the increased cost of dietary articles the budget allotment was found insufficient and additional grant had to be made urgently |
| | Do. Miscellaneous | 2,500 | 0 | 0 | |
| 2 | 16—Law and Justice—C-Criminal Justice T.A. | 900 | 0 | 0 | Increased tours and camps of the District Magistrate and his staff caused on account of the political disturbances in the State and in connection with the checking of the Cochin Cyclone Relief Lottery Tickets |
| 3 | 17—Central Jail—Uniforms of Warders | 225 | 0 | 0 | No provision could be originally made as temporary warders for whom the expenditure was incurred were appointed urgently in the course of the year |
| 4 | 1—Land Revenue—Temporary Establishment | 193 | 0 | 0 | The additional allotment had to be urgently sanctioned to meet the pay, T.A., etc., of the temporary staff appointed for the renewal of Sirkar Jenm lands in Palghat Taluk, whose term was extended to complete the work |

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| Sl. No. | Head of Account | Amount Rs. | A. | P. | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5 | 17—Central Jail—Temporary Establishment | 1,000 | 0 | 0 | A Deputy Jailor on Rs. 80—100. One Agricultural Supervisor on Rs. 40—60 and 9 Warders on Rs. 14 each were appointed urgently for the efficient administration of the jail |
| 6 | 16—Law and Justice—Criminal Justice—Salaries—Temporary Establishment | 1,500 | 0 | 0 | To meet the pay of the Special Magistrate and staff created in the course of the year, additional allotment had to be urgently sanctioned |
| 7 | 38—Miscellaneous—Refund of Lapsed Deposits | 2,000 | 0 | 0 | The expenditure under this item is of quite a fluctuating nature and this year more than the usual number of applications came up for refund |
| 8 | 16-C—Criminal Justice—Contingencies—Miscellaneous | 750 | 0 | 0 | Additional expenditure necessitated on account of the increase in the number of Crimes under the Defence of India Act |
| 9 | 24—Public Health—Sanitation and Conservancy—Mosquito Control | 6,500 | 0 | 0 | Increased expenditure necessitated urgently on account of the new scheme initiated for the mosquito control campaign in the Ernakulam and Mattancheri towns; those Municipalities will also be contributing an equal share of the expenditure |
| 10 | 38—Miscellaneous—Maintenance of Strangers and Indigent persons and burial | 210 | 0 | 0 | Unusually larger number of cases of the category contributed to the increase in expenditure and the expenditure could not be postponed |
| 11 | 24—Public Health—A2-A.R.P. Corpse disposal | 2,500 | 0 | 0 | Allotment sanctioned urgently being expenditure connected with A. R. P. |
| 12 | 11—Forest and Tramway—2—Tramway | | | | Urgent repairs to bridges, trucks, etc., needed to ensure maximum traffic for War and other supplies |
| | Maintenance of Ways | 2,383 | 0 | 0 | |
| | Repairs to Stations, etc. | 1,518 | 0 | 0 | |
| | Loco Expenses | 2,129 | 0 | 0 | |
| 13 | 16-C—Criminal Justice—Refunds | 500 | 0 | 0 | More than the usual number of refund bills rendered this urgent additional allotment necessary |
| 14 | 38—Miscellaneous—Maintenance of Strangers and Indigent persons | 200 | 0 | 0 | Please remarks against item No. 10. |
| 15 | 17—Central Jail—Clothing and Bedding | 1,000 | 0 | 0 | The unprecedented increase in the cost of clothing, etc., articles necessitated this urgent additional allotment |
| 16 | 14—General Administration, 7—Committees—Allowance | 1,500 | 0 | 0 | Expenses for the election court constituted this year necessitated this grant urgently |
| 17 | 9—Stamps—Service Labels— | 100 | 0 | 0 | Increased expenditure under routine items accounts for the additional allotment which |
| 18 | Miscellaneous | 125 | 0 | 0 | had to be allowed urgently |
| | 17 (1)—Central Jail—Miscellaneous | 900 | 0 | 0 | On account of increase in the cost of bulbs and other articles and for making A.R.P. arrangements a sum of Rs. 900 was additionally required which had to be sanctioned urgently |
| | **CRANGANUR** | | | | |
| 19 | 14—Education (117)—Secondary Education Boys | 625 | 0 | 0 | Inevitable increase of expenditure under establishment charges towards pay of teachers |



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| Sl. No. | Head of Account | Amount Rs. A. P. | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|
| 20 | 21—Miscellaneous—Burial charges of Paupers | 25 0 0 | Please see remarks against item No. 10 |
| 21 | 21—Miscellaneous—Refund of Lapsed Deposits | 142 15 0 | Please see remarks against item No. 7 |
| 22 | 11—Law and Justice—Criminal Justice—Refunds | 115 0 0 | Please see remarks against item No. 13 |
| 23 | 11—Law and Justice—Criminal Justice—Service Labels | 25 0 0 | Inevitable increased expenditure owing to larger correspondence which had to be allowed urgently for want of funds |
| 24 | 11—Law and Justice—Criminal Justice—Temporary Establishment | 60 0 0 | To meet the pay of the temporary copyist created urgently to avoid arrears of work |
| 25 | 13—Police—Dearness Allowance | 394 0 0 | Enhancement of dearness allowance and the larger expenditure under the other items urgently necessitated on account of the political situation |
| | Travelling Allowance | 300 0 0 | |
| | Miscellaneous including Clothing | 60 0 0 | |

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan** *(Vadakkancheri)*: On a point of information. Whether these are items of expenditure incurred subsequent to the meeting that we had in Meenam or incurred even prior to that.

**Mr. P. V. Raphael** *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts)*: These are all items of expenditure incurred after the last meeting.

## SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS

### Rs. 310 under 31—Industries Reserved A—Dearness Allowance

**Mr. C. J. Mathew** *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: I beg to move for an allotment of Rs. 310 under 31-Industries Reserved. This is for payment of dearness allowance to the officers of the Industries Department.

**Mr. V. J. Mathai** *(Planters)*: On a point of information. May I know what exactly is the rate of dearness allowance.

**Mr. C. J. Mathew** *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: At present Rs. 6, formerly it was Rs. 4.

**Mr. V. J. Mathai** *(Planters)*: May I know the percentage of salary that is paid as dearness allowance?

**Mr. C. J. Mathew** *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: Dearness allowance is not granted on the basis of any such percentage. Up to a salary of Rs. 60 a sum of Rs. 6 will be paid as dearness allowance from 1st Karkadagam 1118.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan** *(Vadakkancheri)*: Is not the whole of the Industries Department transferred to the Minister?

**Mr. C. J. Mathew** *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: Major industries are not transferred.

*Demand put and carried*

### Rs. 68, 348, 443, 639 and 42 under Industries Transferred

**Mr. T. K. Nayar** *(Minister for Rural Development)*: I may be permitted to move items 2 to 6. Due to the enhancement of the rate of dearness allowance to Government Servants in the course of the year, the allotments under the head have become insufficient to meet the requirements. Hence the following additional allotments are necessary.—

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 32-Industries Transferred | (a) G. T. S., Ernakulam | Rs. | 68 |
| Do. | (b) G. T. S., Trichur | ,, | 348 |
| Do. | (c) G. I. School for Girls, Trichur | ,, | 443 |
| Do. | (d) G. I. Schools | ,, | 639 |
| 32-F. Coir Depot, Mattancheri | | ,, | 42 |

*Demands put and carried*

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